

### **Cripps, Vera B.**

Vera Bernice Cripps, 92, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009 at Bickford of Portage where she has resided for the last three years.

Vera was born to Thomas and Edna (Cleland) Hooper on Oct. 14, 1917 in Deckerville.

Vera married Phillip Arthur Cripps on Sept. 12, 1942 at the home of her parents.

Phil and Vera were life long dairy farmers on Palms Road. Raising her three daughters, sewing clothes, keeping a spotless home and helping Phil with the farm chores were her life. Attending Deckerville Bible Church was her top priority where she was active in the Fidelity Ladies Group.

Vera was very active in Farm Bureau and home extension groups. In the winters, after retirement, she enjoyed going to Florida where they had a residence in Bradenton. After Phillip passed away Vera built a new home in Deckerville where she resided for the next 14 years.

She is survived by her three daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn (Bill Bonner) Curtis of Port Hope, Thelma (Bruce) Hoover of Portage, and Janice Eagle of Colonial Heights, Va. Vera is also survived by eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one very special nephew, Orville; plus other nieces and nephews.

Vera was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Phillip; brothers, Harold, Stanley, Grant, and Gordon; sisters, Alice and Ila; and one son-in-law, Eugene Curtis.

Carolyn and Janice would like to say a special thank you to Thelma for the care she provided mom the last three years.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Vera B. Cripps will be conducted at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009 in the Apsey Funeral Home, your "Legacy of Life" funeral home. The Rev. Jeff Homan of the Deckerville Bible Church will officiate. Burial will be in Downing Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Brian Curtis, Eric Curtis, Greg Siemen, Shane Siemen, Doug Hoover, and Ken Kooy.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and 10 to 11 a.m., on Wednesday with service to follow.

Memorials may be made to the Deckerville Bible Church or the Gideons.

Condolences may be sent to [apseyfuneralhome.com](http://apseyfuneralhome.com).